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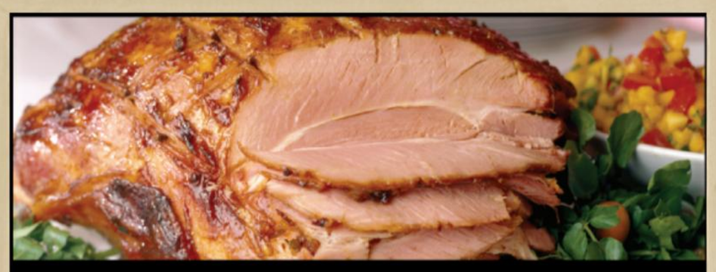

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Margaret Peterson Haddix spotlights historical industrial disaster in 'Uprising'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

At first, young adult author Margaret Peterson Haddix didn't feel worthy to write about the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire when her editor suggested it.

"The reason was it was a very dramatic event in history and at the time, there were no young adult novels referring to that event - and he thought that was a huge oversight," Haddix said during a visit with New Buffalo middle schoolers to close out March is Reading Month Wednesday, March 20.

Haddix said that most of the workers in the factory were teenage girls, who were immigrants from Italy and Eastern Europe. The fire also took place in New York, and Haddix is a Midwesterner.

A voice she heard in her head one Sunday during church, which she felt was telling her "They thought we didn't matter," changed Haddix's mind, though.

"I thought, 'I want to write this and I want to write this in a way that shows why these girls' lives mattered - not just their deaths mattered," she said.

The result was "Uprising," which was published in 2007 by Simon and Schuster.

The book tells the story of Bella, who had immigrated from Calia, Italy, to New York to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory with 500 other immigrants, all of whom are subjected to terrible working conditions. Worsening factory conditions cause the workers to go on strike. Then, in the midst of the turmoil, a spark ignites piles of cloth March 25, 1911.

There were books for Haddix to read and trips to Greenwich Village, in lower Manhattan, New York, the scene of the disaster, for her to take. There, she visited the Tenament Museum, which showcases former cramped living conditions for immigrants like Bella. Haddix also visited the Asch Building. Later called the Brown Building, the building was where the fire took place and is now owned by New York University.

Margaret Peterson Haddix autographs books for middle schoolers

Margaret Peterson Haddix speaks in the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center

The building, which was fireproof, hadn't sustained any damage despite the fire killing 456 garment workers.

Gazing down through a window from one of the upper floors where the factory was once located, Haddix was struck with a tidbit she'd picked up from research: Back then, fire departments had no ladders that would reach the uppermost floors, and couldn't rescue the workers that day. Firefighters held nets to the ground, in hopes that they'd catch one of the workers. All factory doors were locked to prevent anyone from escaping and anyone from coming into the factory to steal a shirtwaist.

"They (the workers) think, 'I can still survive this - all I have to do is jump out this window and land in the net, I will be fine,'" she said.

Haddix added that, in reality, the force of the impact from landing on the net would be so great from jumping from such a height, there was no way anyone could have survived.

Some workers were able to escape up the Greene Street stairway to the roof, as well as by cramming themselves into the elevators while they were still operating.

Frances Perkins, who was having tea in Washington Square and witnessed people jumping from the roof, vowed to make changes to the laws about how workers are treated when she became secretary of labor for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"Later on in life she said, 'The beginning of the New Deal was that day,'" Haddix said.

Having published her first book, "Running Out of Time," in 1995, Haddix is the author of numerous books for young adults, including The Shadow Children series.

More information on Haddix can be found at www.haddixbooks.com.

The manipulator fears being hated.
— Dino N. Fatouros

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Village council expresses concerns over Marquette Greenway

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the Grand Beach Village Council may be setting up a forum for residents to express their concerns about the impending Marquette Greenway.

A groundbreaking will take place at the future trailhead site at the end of the non motorized path, which will stretch from Chicago to New Buffalo, at Merchant and Smith streets in New Buffalo at 11 p.m. April 3.

Construction on the Michigan portion of the path's Phase One will commence this year, while Phase Two will commence next year.

The Grand Beach portion of the path will be a 10-foot-wide paved area on the property along Grand Beach Road, which is located bewteen the road and the railroad tracks. There will be a 2-foot buffer on each side of the path,.

Last April, the village council approved a "Non-Motorized Trail Easement and Agreement," which granted an easement to New Buffalo Township for the Marquette Greenway.

Due to the council's concern with how the path will intersect the railroad crossing, council president Harry Walder said at the council's Wednesday, March 20, meeting, that he's talked with New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michell Heit and Mary Hamilition, executive director/ senior planner at Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, with Hamilton saying she'll schedule a meeting with Amtrak.

He added that Heit would be speaking to the township about supporting the village getting a traffic signal at that intersection, although she said that would take awhile.

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Council members agreed that a town hall on the issue may be warranted, with council member Blake O'Halloran calling it " very troubling."

"We need to make sure that we take all the steps we can to make it as safe as possible, so I think whatever we can do would be good," he said.

Council member Ed Brandes said a town hall would allow residents to "air out concerns" they have about safety.

"It's also a chance to educate them on the constraints we have as far as how much is within our control to define the safety setup there and what we'll do to mitigate it," he said.

Molly Newell, a member of the Village Hall Committee, said that they're recommending a landscaping plan surrounding the patio off the second floor of Village Hall, which will include possibly putting in some low maintenance plants and possibly new furniture.

The committee is also recommending starting painting the exterior trim of Village Hall to match the stairs.

Council member James Bracewell suggested that they keep in mind those who use tents for weddings out there, as has been done in the past, which could possibly damage plants in the landscaping plan.

Council members approved awarding work to JK Handyman to paint the trim for $7,600.

Council members accepted the donation of $1,500 from Diane Cody and Frank Elliott and to spend $1,500 of village money to provide landscaping for the village hall's upstairs patio.

The following individuals were assigned to the following committees: Bracewell, who will chair the Road Committee with Frank Giglio, Bob Barnes and Bob Dabbs; Nancy Wendling, who will chair the Trees Committee with Vicki McHugh, Sheila McGinnis, Peggy Stewart, and Walder; Newell, who will chair teh Holiday Committee with Sally Barnes, Nancy Wendling and Jackie Collins and Kathy Brynes, who will chair the Welcome Committee with Meg Piper, Cody, Jackie Collins and Sally Barnes.

Councilmembers approved the village hall's rental hall rate increases.

Council members approved their meeting time being at 5 p.m. Eastern year-round.

Death twitches my ear;
'Live,' he says...
'I'm coming.
— Virgil

Council members approved a series of technology proposals, all of which were recommended by the village's technology consultant.

The switch from using GoDaddy to Microsoft 360 as an email server, with a one-time cost of $260 and an annual cost of $1,020, was approved.

The purchase of two new computers from The Tech of Southwest Michigan for the clerk and deputy clerk because the village is switching to BS & A Software for $2,823.40 was approved. Walder said the clerk's old one will go to the Building Department and the deputy clerk's will go to the Pro Shop.

The purchase of a new office color copier for $4,795.50 was approved.

Councilmembers approved a $5,000 expenditure to redo the village's website, which will include a separate website for the golf course that will be linked to it.

Councilmembers approved clerk/treasurer Kim Wolnick as the signatory for Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) and deputy clerk Kelly Boersma as signatory for bank accounts.

Council members approved selling the 2018 Ford Explorer to La Porte Chrysler for $8,000.

The New Buffalo Area Schools Golf Agreement, with the school district paying $600, was approved.

Councilmembers approved revising the village's keying and lock system for $1,575.85. Walder said that the village will have five keys: one master key for every lock for the entire village hall and one submaster each for the office, councilroom, pro shop and the upstairs.

Council members approved the purchase of a new lawn mower for the maintenance department for $7500 from Rigg's Outdoor Power

Councilmembers approved removing the retaining wall by the front door of the township office that holds up the slope that comes down from the second floor and replacing it with a 6-foot-by-6-foot vertical one for $2,013.50.

An amendment to the FEMA ordinance was approved.

Flock camera hooks major crime catch

BY STAN MADDUX

Flock cameras in Michigan City helped capture two alleged members of a nationwide criminal organization.

Florin Vaduva, 32, and Loredana Vaduva, 26, were in a vehicle with California plates when the flock camera system on Saturday, March 23, alerted officers about a car suspected in multiple out of state felony financial crimes entering the city limits, according to Michigan City Police.

Police said officers stopped the vehicle in the area of U.S. 12 and E. Michigan Boulevard.

The driver, Mr. Vaduva, was arrested for producing a counterfeit identification card while his female passenger was taken into custody on nine out of state theft warrants from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Colorado.

Both suspects are from the state of Washington.

Police said the investigation revealed the man and woman are part of a nationwide crime ring suspected of placing electronic devices on automated teller machines that record account numbers and other bank data from cards inserted into the ATMs.

They are also being investigated for possible roles in multiple large scale operations that defrauded several financial institutions across the country of more than $500,000, police said.

Pursuit ends with crash through ceiling

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte Police were involved in a high speed chase, where the driver made it home and, while hiding in his attic, crashed through his ceiling.

Police said 35-year-old Scottie Fletcher was traveling with no lights on early Sunday, March 24, in the area of Indiana Avenue and Boyd Boulevard.

The officer tried making a traffic stop but Fletcher allegedly kept going.

Eventually, Fletcher cut across a field in his 2002 Dodge Ram then fled on foot through a wooded area into his home between Kingsbury and Union Mills.

Police said he climbed on top of a refrigerator to crawl through an opening to his attic to apparently hide from pursuing officers and fell through the ceiling.

He was covered in insulation when greeted by officers, courts documents revealed.

Police said an open case of Budweiser was found in his vehicle.

Fletcher was arrested for operating while intoxicated when he allegedly refused a breathalyzer test and resisting law enforcement.

Before his arrest, police said an officer was attacked by a K-9 dog belonging to another department and was taken to the hospital for treatment of his wounds.

The Boreal Forest

OPINIONS

GLOBAL OPINIONS
The Manipulator

OPINION BY DINO N. FATOUROS

The manipulator is a mastermind in deception, half truths and emotional influence. He wears masks of charm and concern, but beneath lies a calculating mind that uses others for personal gain. His tactics include, subtleness, smiling, guilt, and playing the victim to gain sympathy and control. The manipulator is sophisticated at twisting facts and situations to his advantage; often leading you doubting your perceptions. The antidote you ask? Don't trust him or make him a friend. Look for inconsistencies in his words and actions. Manipulators often bad mouth those not present. Most importantly, don't trust him or share personal information, especially your future plans. Cheers.

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SCHOLASTICS

New Buffalo school board approves developers of Bison Preserve

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Members of the New Buffalo Area Schools Board of Education approved selecting Ed Gausselin (Bison Property Development) and Mike Reinhold (Bradford Group) as the developers for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) in furtherance of the Attainable Housing Project at their Monday, March 25, meeting.

The project, which is titled "Bison Preserve," would be located across from the elementary school on Lubke Road on the 47 acres of district-acquired property..

Gausselin and Reinhold laid out the following goals for the project: to create high-quality, affordable housing for current and future NBAS employees and other public sector workers; to establish a family-friendly neighborhood to attract new permanent residents to the community and bolster enrollment in NBAS; to generate a consistent supply of Building Trade sites, to implement sustainable development practices to preserve and protect the rich ecology of the Bison Preserve site and to establish best practices to assist other local communities in addressing the chronic shortfall of workforce housing within the southwest Michigan market.

Reinhold added that the goal is to develop up to 100 units of attainable housing and to "use an innovative structure with the schools to provide preference for those units to the target audience," which is teachers and other public sector employees such as police officers and firefighters. A master lease structure will ensure the first opportunity for that target audience.

"And then to have a mix of units that are more market rate and then use the value of those market rate units to provide further reduction or subsidy to the target audience to make sure that that first, second or third year teacher who's looking to be a part of the school system here but ultimately to raise their family in this community and have those kids be enrolled in the school that there's something that is high quality housing that is attainable to those individuals," Reinhold said.

The restriction of secondary rentals would discourage "as much as legally possible any second home type of residence," he added.

Preserving the wetlands, ecology and natural environment there, as well as how to incorporate it into the project in a "non-disruptive way," is also a goal.

Reinhold presented board members with a preliminary site layout that outlined the location of 99 units, 15 of which will be dedicated to the high school's Building and Trades program.

Sample interior and exterior renderings of the potential two-story houses were presented, which would include three bedrooms upstairs, a two-car garage and living and gathering space on the first floor.

Constant interaction with the state, EGLE and other agencies with jurisdiction over the area would be part of the process.

The project has a spring of 2025 start date, with a current estimated $30 million cost.

Currently, a draft Development Agreement has been exchanged between the parties, with terms that have been negotiated between the principals of NBAS, the developer and NBAS' counsel, with developers and counsel discussing the latest draft this week.

A variety of different grants and incentives, including a state of Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Grant, are being explored.

Board president Lisa Werner said that there's a partnership with the school district "because of our position of being a school district, there's an opportunity to apply for grants and things like that that would not necessarily be available directly if we just sold the property and let someone develop it that way."

"That's why the partnership comes in but there's no financial as far as the infrastructure of the building of the units that would come from the school district," she said.

A meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, April 15,in the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center to elicit feedback on the project from the community.

Board members heard an update on the transportation department.

Director Tom Whitsel said that the district currently has six full-time CDL drivers, four daily van drivers and three substitute drivers.

A tablet using BusRide, which adds a GPS, speed, crash and sudden stop sensor to every bus, has been added to every bus.

Vans have 10 daily routes, and currently have 51,187.0 miles on them this school year. The district has acquired a new minivan a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica and retired Van 3 from student transportation

Buses do 14 bus runs a day, and there have been 500 requests for morning and afternoon travel.

Whitsel gave special recognition to Katrina Turensek, who was able to utilize her First Aid training when she had to make a safe stop and perform the Heimlich maneuver on a student, who was choking on a piece of candy that was lodged in their throat, last week.

"The student's faculties came back, and they thanked her," Whitsel said.

Board members approved a Pokagon Grant Application by Food Service Director Patty Iazzetto for the Summer Feeding Program.

The replacement of the elementary school's interior doors from 1974 for a cost not to exceed $108,290 was approved.

A safety window film quote to put safety film on every window in the district was approved.

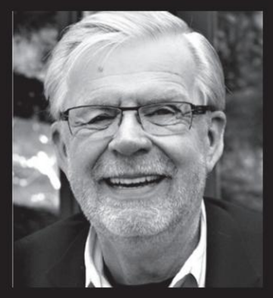
Board members accepted the resignation of Barb Reed, for retirement purposes.

New Buffalo Area Schools Superintendent Adam Bowen said that they've found a coach for the newly merged junior varsity baseball program with River Valley, Paul Ciccarelli, who's employed at the district because he works in the open gym.

People are unpredictable at the end of the day. — *DaBaby*

SPORTS

From the Bleachers



COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

Why is the NCAA basketball tournament so entertaining?

People who don't pay a lot of attention to college sports put things on hold to fill out their brackets and experts across the country do the same. Inevitably, the first round of the playoffs produces upsets and close games that go down to the last minute.

So far, in the first round (32 games) this year's tournament has produced 11 upsets and 8 games that were decided by 5 or less points. The second round (16 games) only had 2 upsets and 3 games decided by 5 or less. Now, we are down to the sweet sixteen.

If you picked the favorites in your brackets, you're in pretty good shape. All four number 1 seeds have reached the sweet 16, as have all four number 2 seeds. Two number 3 seeds, two number 4, two number 5, and one number 6 have also survived. The only remaining Cinderella team is number 11 seeded North Carolina State.

Two local teams remain, Purdue and the University of Illinois. I can promise you this: If you take the time to watch some of the remaining games, you will not be disappointed.

By the way, I think that the University of Arizona is going to win it all.

I played in a few tournaments when I was much, much younger. My high school team wasn't very good, but we competed fearlessly in the holiday tournament that took place at the Amphitheater on Chicago's south side. Somehow we advanced to the championship game and were losing by two points with two seconds left in the game. The coach called on me to throw the ball the length of the court to a teammate to try to send the game to overtime. I can still remember me throwing the ball so high that I thought it would hit the ceiling, but fortunately it didn't and my teammate caught the ball but couldn't get off a good shot, and we lost the game.

This was a high school holiday tournament game. It's hard for me to imagine the memories the young men and women competing in the NCAA tournament are creating. Win or lose, I doubt they'll ever forget

Major League Baseball begins this week. Next Monday, after playing three games in Texas to begin the season, the Cubs play their home opener. My dad used to take me out of school on opening day, and I tried to attend as many as possible through the years.

As the years have passed, getting up extremely early in the morning, going to Yak-zies and drinking a few beers before the game started, and watching the magnificent baseball season begin in beautiful Wrigley Field has lost a little of its charm, so I now stay home to watch the game. Time marches on.

Earth, Wind, & Fire sang, "You're a shining star / No matter who you are / Shining bright to see / What you could truly be."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

Chase from La Porte County ends at Chicago Skyway

BY STAN MADDUX

A flock camera is connected to a high speed chase of a stolen vehicle from La Porte County to Chicago.

During the afternoon on Tuesday, March 26, La Porte County Police said a flock camera notified an officer about a stolen vehicle eastbound on U.S. 20 from U.S. 35 near Michigan City.

Soon, the officer located the vehicle, which turned into the Hunter's Run subdivision.

During a traffic stop, police said the driver took off and headed back to U.S. 20 before venturing down 400 West and U.S 35 and returning to U.S. 20.

A short time later, he turned on a ramp leading to the westbound lanes of Interstate 94.

Police said the suspect remained on I-94 until veering onto the Indiana Toll Road in Lake County and the Chicago Skyway, where he was captured at a toll plaza.

James Simcoe, 43, of Norridge, Illinois, was being held in Chicago until arrangements are made to bring him to La Porte County to face charges.

Police said the stolen vehicle was an SUV with Illinois plates.

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New Buffalo baseball team aiming for District 4 title

BY STAN MADDUX

The goal for the New Buffalo High School varsity baseball team is to compete, if not, win the District 4 title.

The Bison have come a long way - mostly with the same players, who struggled mightily as freshmen two seasons ago.

The team had a winning record for much of last year until a string of end of the season losses.

Head coach Adam Lijewski said a strong finish to the regular season and at least a victory or two in the post season is what he believes the team realizing its potential can achieve.

"They're starting to see what we've seen for a couple of years, so, now they're starting to see it in each other," he said.

Lijewski said success will have to come from contributions from every player since the roster from a talent standpoint is mostly balanced.

Ethan Lijewski and Vaughn Nikkel are expected to continue being the hardest hitters while the rest of the batting line-up has no glaring weaknesses.

"It's filled with some good hitters and then some consistent and mediocre hitters," he said.

Lijewski is hoping the much improved pitching staff from two years ago can rise even more to the occasion to get the team over the top especially in low scoring games.

There is no dominant starting pitcher but Lijewski feels he has enough good arms that can go a strong four or five innings in a game before calling for the bullpen.

Lijewski said he's also encouraged that some of the pitchers from last year spent the off season working with a coach on sharpening their skills from the mound.

"They're light years ahead of where they were," he said.

Ethan Lijewski, who's also the starting quarterback on the football team, is the hardest thrower but he struggled at times last year with his control.

He could become a dominant force on the mound, though, if the improved accuracy he has shown at practice in recent weeks continues into the season.

Steady play is also expected on offense and defense from players, like third baseman Nicholas Wolfe and first baseman Hagan Davis.

Measurable contributions are also anticipated from freshmen Drew Borman, Jeffrey Tertel and Lucas Thun, whom Lijewski described as "ball players."

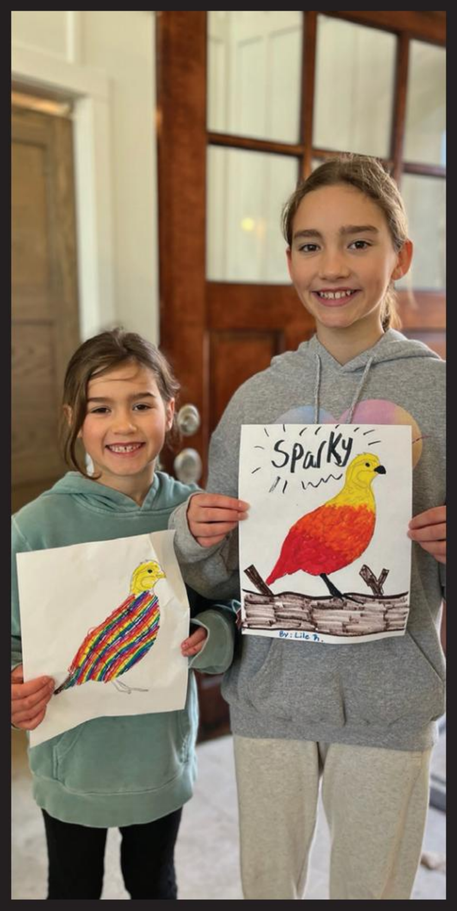
Bowman and Tertel can also pitch and do some catching behind the plate.

"They help with depth at catcher and pitching. You can never have enough pitchers," he said.

Lijewski predicted winning the District 4 title is going to be a battle between New Buffalo, River Valley, Michigan Lutheran and Our Lady of the Lake.

"We have goals and we're going to go after it. It'll be tough. Anyone of us can win it," he said.

Lily and Tessa with their quail art



A hike through the woods to show effective placement of tick tubes

Proactive Environmentalism at Goldberry Woods

Goldberry Woods welcomed quail enthusiasts, environmentalists, wellness practitioners and parents for a morning of education and exploration. With declining quail populations, rising tick populations and lyme disease infections, Julie Haberichter, Innkeeper/Owner at Goldberry Woods, shared from personal experience, and years of experimentation, practical steps to navigate these topics and restore balance.

Attendees enjoyed a DIY Trail Mix Bar, "Guess How Many Cotton Balls" game, and Coloring of the Quails. Residents of Goldberry's Aviary, including almost 30 Quail, clucked, squawked, and chipped, reminding everyone of their importance.

After a peaceful walk among Goldberry's various river-edged trails, attendees were guided through a workshop to create Tick Tubes, a highly effective tool to place on your property and in your local woods.

Visit Goldberry Woods today to learn more and get your own tick prevention resources like Tick Tubes and Permethrin spray. — STAFF REPORTS

La Porte successful in bid for annexation

BY STAN MADDUX

La Porte officials are announcing city services such as police and fire coverage will start being provided April 1 to the newly annexed 39 North Conservancy District.

The mayor's office revealed Monday annexation became official March 11 after remonstrators failed in their effort to have a court decide the matter.

Under state law, the city has a year to begin providing non-capital services to the area along Indiana 39 from Severs Road to the Indiana Toll Road.

Mayor Tom Dermody said he thought it was important to start right away to make the transition into the city as smooth as possible for residents and businesses in the expanded incorporated boundaries.

"One way to do this is by providing the services we promised throughout this process without any delays," he said.

Last summer, the door for annexation partially opened when the city, after years of talking, moved forward by obtaining 57% of signatures from district property owners in favor of being annexed.

The door swung fully open after remonstrators failed recently to obtain signatures from the 51% of the land owners required to challenge the matter in court.

Remonstrators were hoping to succeed by getting enough signatures from people they alleged were placed into fear to support being annexed through misinformation about current fire protection being inadequate from lack of water capacity.

Craig Phillips, the city's director of community development and Ppanning, said the 35 signatures obtained during the remonstrance fell about halfway short of the amount needed for a court challenge.

Dermody said the city also continues to work toward upgrading the existing water and sewer system the district installed more than 20 years ago and financed to help develop the area.

The city, which promised to purchase the existing infrastructure for $2 million in credits to water and sewer users in the district, has three years to complete the upgrades under an agreement with the conservancy.

Phillips said the goal is to start construction this year or early next year.

He said the city is going to have a water tower installed to increase pressure and flows in the existing lines.

He said a water pumping station will also be upgraded and a loop created in the system by installing close to two miles of new line from the newly annexed area to the Thomas Rose Industrial Park.

Phillips said those improvements will further increase pressure and flows not just to the newly annexed portion of the city but users in other areas of the community.

"It just creates a better overall flow for the whole system," he said.

Increasing pressure and flows will mean existing hydrants installed by the conservancy district having capacity to deliver sufficient amounts of water in the event of a major fire instead of relying on volunteer firefighters.

The upgraded system will also have enough capacity to serve additional customers from expected new development.

Right now, the district cannot grow because the system lacks the ability to take on more users.

The estimated cost of the upgrades is $12.5 million.

One of the selling points of annexation was the city being in a much better position financially than the 150 or so property owners in district to take on such an expense.

Phillips said the work will be financed with money generated through tax increment financing along with possible state and federal grants

39 North Conservancy District Attorney Shaw Friedman said the assessed valuation of the district grew from about $4 million to $40 million from growth attracted by the municipal water and sewer lines installed during the 1990s.

However, Friedman said the district outgrew its financial ability to upgrade the water capacity of the system for allowing future growth.

"The district's been very successful in providing services but it got to the point where it just didn't have the bandwidth to continue to add additional services and upgrade, which the city will be able to do," he said.

Mapping the vernal pools of Berrien County

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

It was while Pat Fisher was putting in the Nature Study Trails across from New Buffalo Elementary School that he first stumbled upon vernal pools.

"I came back next spring and they were underwater - my trails were under water," Fisher, who's the president of Harbor Country Hikers, said.

Fisher said he was then left with a question: "Why is this water here?"

It was a question that led to the creation of a vernal pools program in Berrien County, "What Are Vernal Pools? Why Should We Care About Them?"

In its second year, the program features presentations at New Buffalo Township Library and Fernwood Botanical Gardens.

As part of the New Buffalo Township Library program, Fisher, along with Amy Gillan PhD, the Berrien County vernal pool coordinator, and other volunteers returned to where Fisher made his discovery for a vernal pool field survey outing Saturday, March 23.

A professor at St. Mary's College, Gillan said that she and Fisher underwent training to be volunteers with the Michigan Vernal Pool Patrol.

The shallow, seasonal bodies of water serve as predator-free breeding grounds for amphibians, insects and other small creatures.

"You'll walk through the woods and see the mucky little, wet area and dead leaves and stuff and you'll think, 'I didn't realize that was so important,'" Gillan, who also owns a home in nearby Bridgman, said.

In the Northeast, Fisher said, around 550 species utilize the pools in one way or another.

They're statistics that are probably the same for this part of the country, he added.

According to Gillan, certain criteria have to be present for a body water to be a vernal pool: it should dry out on a regular basis, typically during the summer, and it should contain four keystone species, which are fairy shrimp, the wood frog, the blue spotted salamander and the spotted salamander.

"Wood frogs are the first ones out, the first sound that you hear - they come to the pond and breed pretty quickly and then hightail it back to the woods," Gillan said.

After taking all their measurements and site photos, the group started looking for obligate species. Before leaving the first pool that day, Fisher said they may have found a rare Marbled salamander (Ambystoma opacum), which are only found in Berrien, Van Buren and Allegan counties in Michigan and are state endangered (legally protected).

As part of the Michigan Vernal Pool Patrol, Gillan said that one of her and Fisher's goals that day was to begin trying to map all the vernal pools in Michigan.

"So far, there aren't any in Berrien County that are mapped," she sad.

Vernal pools have never been protected in Michigan, Fisher said.

"Part of it is to draw attention to the fact that we have these things in the state, they're all over the state and that our politicians in Lansing should pay attention to the fact that they need protecting," he said.

Another vernal pools monitoring session is slated for Saturday, April 6, at Love Creek County Park, located at 9292 Huckleberry Road in Berrien Center, with an indoor presentation at 1 p.m. and a hands-on monitoring at 2:30 p.m.

Mapping out vernal pools at the Nature Study Trail

A salamander nymph, possibly a marbled salamander, was the big discovery of the day

Pat Fisher searches for obligate species in a vernal pool on the Nature Study Trails

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR EXIT 4 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BUFFALO

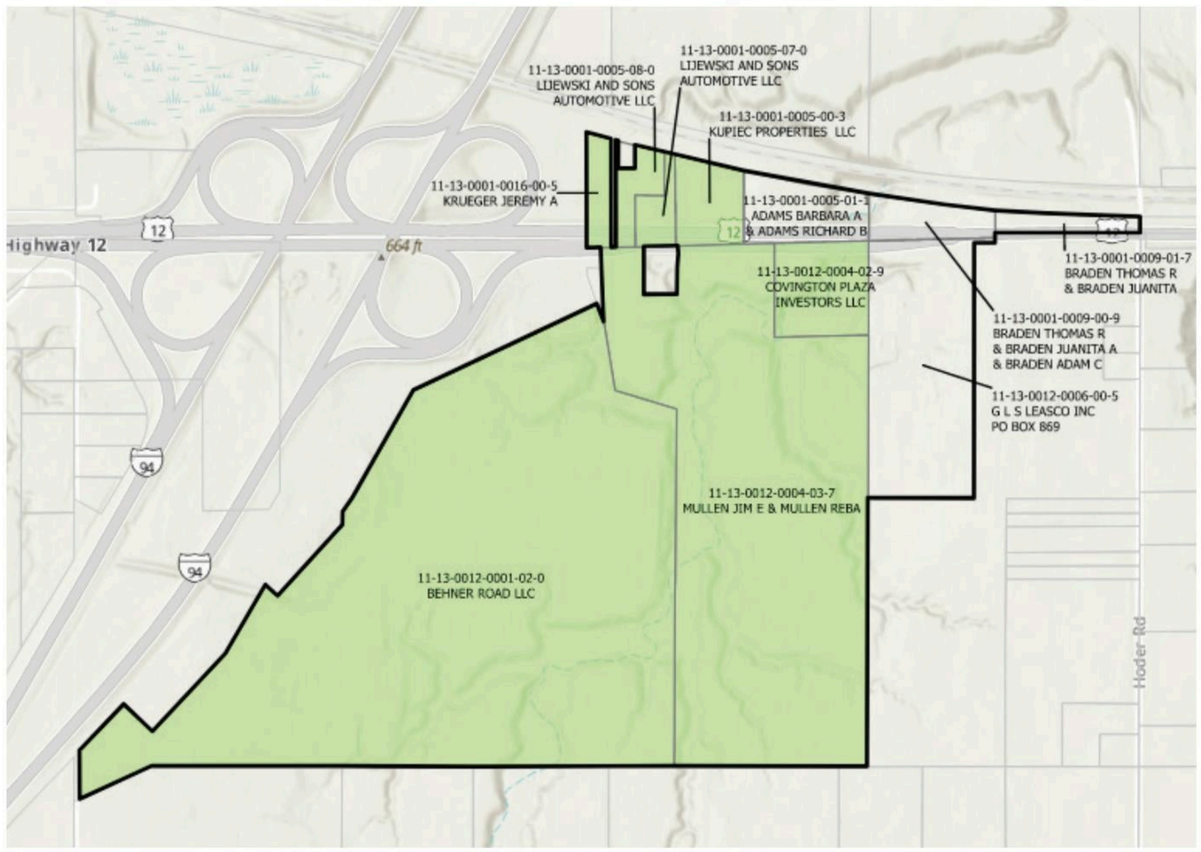
TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing part of the cost of the following described improvements to the above property benefitted therefrom:

The acquisition and construction of water and sanitary sewer improvements to extend water and sewer mains along US-12 from existing Township facilities on Hoder Road west within the MDOT right of way to the I-94 interchange, together with all necessary interests in land, appurtenances and attachments thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet on April 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at the New Buffalo Township Offices, 17425 Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo, Michigan, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the Township Clerk at or prior to the meeting to be held on April 15, 2024, and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five (35) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

MICHELLE HANNON, CLERK
NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP



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ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2006-01 TO ADDRESS UPDATED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT MAPS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2024.

The Village of Grand Beach ordains: (Adopt the following sections, as needed, to complete assumption of enforcement authority to conform with resolutions describing the intention of the community to comply with its responsibilities under the Flood insurance program. The title of the ordinance should reflect the actions taken.)(If your community previously designated an enforcing agency and/or assumed responsibility for administration of the Act by ordinance, it might be more appropriate to simply reference that ordinance and repeat that designation, as by a whereas clause and a preface to this ordinance, rather than adopt an ordinance doing that again.)

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance 2006-01 is hereby deleted in its entirety, with the following adopted in its place and stead:

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled "Flood Insurance Study for Berrien County, All Jurisdictions", effective April 25, 2024" and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels contained on Index Panel 26021CINDOB, Effective April 25, 2024, and are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be effective on April 25, 2024, after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

AYES: Walder, Bracewell, O'Halloran, Brandes
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Doerr

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.
KIMBERLY WOLNIK, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, KIMBERLY WOLNIK, duly appointed Village Clerk in and for the Village of Grand Beach, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, do certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Village Council during its regular meeting, held February 21, 2024, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended.

KIMBERLY WOLNIK, CLERK

Award-winning Chicago film director guest at film group meeting

Matthew Brdlik, an award-winning Chicago film director, will introduce, screen and host discussions about six of his independently produced short films at the Saturday, April 6, meeting of the Harbor Country Film Group.

One of the films will be "Dissidence," which screened at 13 festivals internationally, won two awards and was nominated for five others.

Brdlik studied at DePaul University's School of Cinematic Arts and recently completed a term as artist-in-residence at The Cliff Dwellers. Film group leader Eve Moran calls this event "a chance to experience the originality of independent cinema."

The film group meeting, sponsored by the Friends of the New Buffalo Library, begins at 1p.m. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend. Free popcorn will be served. The New Buffalo Library is located at 33 N. Thompson Street in downtown New Buffalo. — STAFF REPORTS

Presentation on PUD on tap for next month

A detailed presentation on the Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the community, followed by a Q&A session for the PUD, will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, April 15, in the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center.

This session will provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and engage in meaningful dialogue about the PUD project.

"Your feedback and questions will help ensure that the PUD project aligns with the needs and values of our community," Adam Bowen, superintendent at New Buffalo Area Schools, said.

"Together, we can work towards creating a vibrant and sustainable future for our community."

A letter was sent via USPS to residents that reside next to the planned unit development.

"Thank you for your continued support and engagement," Bowen said. — STAFF REPORTS

The Acorn's Singer-Songwriter Competition accepting submissions

The deadline for entry for The Acorn's 12th annual Singer-Songwriter Competition is noon Friday, May 17. Six singer-songwriters will be selected as finalists to perform Friday, July 19.

Three video entries of original songs are required. Each song must have accompanying lyric sheets with song title and songwriter's name on each song and video performances should be as close to "live" as possible. Full submission guidelines are detailed at acornlive.org.

An esteemed panel of judges and the Acorn audience will participate as six finalists take the stage for this thrilling performance, with the field narrowing to the "top three" artists over the course of two rounds.

The Acorn is located at 107 Generations Drive in Three Oaks.

— STAFF REPORTS

‘Pets and Pours’ returning next month

Pets and Pours, a dog and family-friendly fundraiser hosted by Michiana Humane Society at Friendship Botanic Gardens, will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Standard Time Sunday, May 19.

The event will feature a dog-walking course through Friendship Botanic Garden’s more than 100 acres of beautiful hiking trails and gardens.

Tickets include admission to the gardens, live music by Help Hounds, a dog photo booth and more. The first 100 attendees to purchase a ticket will receive an awesome swag bag filled with fun goodies. The winner of the 2024 Pet of the Year Competition will be announced, as 2023 winner, Dutton, will pass the torch. New this year will be a “just for fun” cornhole tournament.

Food and drink will be available for purchase by Burn ‘Em Brewing, Journeyman Distillery, Shady Creek Winery, Zorn Brew Works Co., Braden’s Boba Tea and DonutNV, with more to come.

This year, attendees can order a Pets & Pours t-shirt to pick up at registration. Depending on supplies, t-shirts may only be available for purchase in advance, so order online by May 1.

Proceeds from ticket sales will support Michiana Humane Society and fund the care of nearly 1,000 homeless pets that the shelter will see this year.

All dogs must be leashed. Please be aware and conscious of your dog’s behavior. There is plenty of room to spread out if a dog becomes anxious and needs space. Michiana Humane Society reserves the right to ask someone and their dog to leave the event if it’s felt it could be dangerous to others.

All handlers of dogs must be over 18 years old. Children 12 and under are free.

To enter a pet to raise funds for the shelter, as well as to win special perks and celebrity status, and to purchase tickets, visit www.michianapets.org. —

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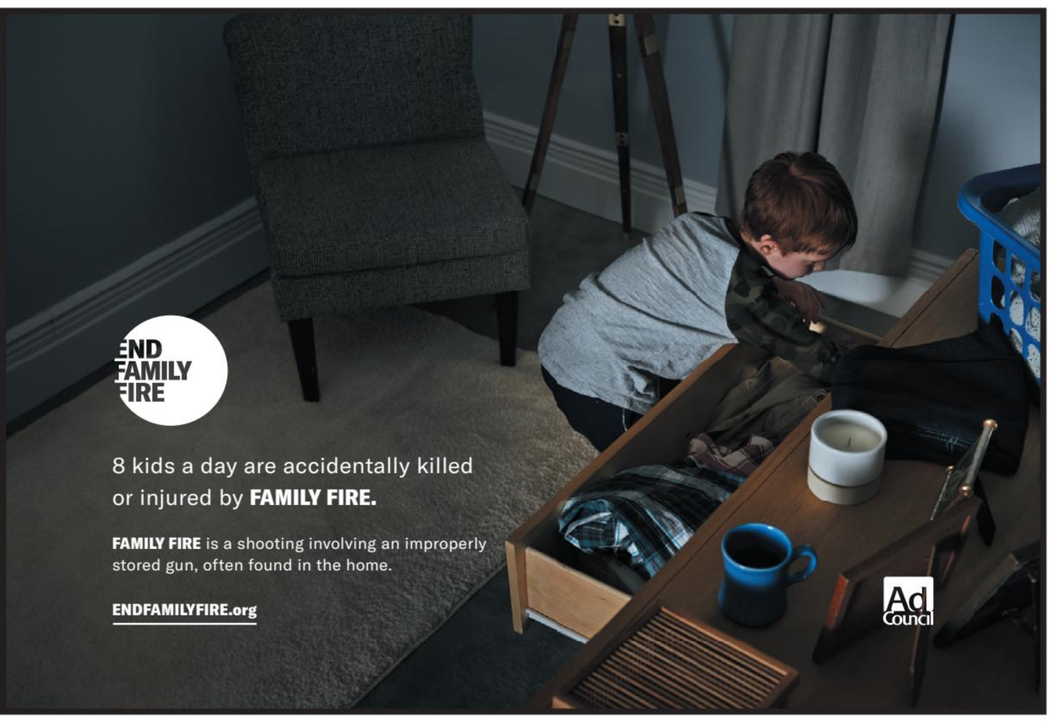
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A Day in the Life

REFRIGERATOR FROM HELL

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

I’ve designed hundreds of stores and museums; however, when it comes to replacing a refrigerator, it is a living hell.

It was nice of Christine to drive me home after church. After I made conversation about my recent challenge of a bad refrigerator, she generously offered to give me one of her extras that was residing in her garage. This one she used in her kitchen and was in good shape but she nevertheless replaced it with a more deluxe model that was given to her by a client. I accepted the offer, as I was really upset about my refrigerator going bad after only a year (and was out of warranty). The repairman advised me that his fees included a $400 minimum charge for just looking at the problem. I was so incensed with the news that I canceled the service call.

So I was more than happy to accept Christine’s offer. Furthermore, she said her husband Mark would deliver it to me gratis if I would have my old one removed!

As soon as she dropped me off at home, I called my friend Matt to see if he could remove my old refrigerator. He obliged and came almost immediately with a friend promptly to remove the old refrigerator. Because they came so soon, I had not emptied the old one yet. Matt and his friend did that, too, using any means to expedite the job. I soon learned how much was inside that old refrigerator. On top of it were dozens of my pitchers, an elaborate crate display of herbs and oils. The freezer had its inventory of frozen roasts, hamburgers, turkey thighs and ice cream - all of which needed refrigeration somehow until the new refrigerator was ready.

No one knew that it would take a partial demolition of the front door to get the old refrigerator out, but Matt and his friend persevered with the collection of food that had been strewn all over. The space was ready for the new refrigerator in less than an hour by these generous men helping me out.

My new refrigerator was to be kindly delivered by Christine’s husband. All this effort seemed destined by the powers above and we thanked the good Lord for this marvelous resolution. It was a pretty incredible accomplishment in the short drive home. She thought I should see the refrigerator, so we stopped at her garage, where she had it stored, and I saw it without even getting out of her SUV. Everything was going like clockwork. Then, the thought occurred to me that we had not measured the new refrigerator replacing my old one. I called Christine and asked her to measure the replacement refrigerator, and she did so immediately. Her refrigerator measured 32 and a half inches. My old one measured 29 and a half - three inches narrower than its replacement.

So much for the divine resolution to my cool refrigerator program.

I then had a kitchen that looked like it was shot from guns: food and refrigerator contents everywhere, and no means of keeping the food cold. It finally occurred to me to set the things outside in a box. Duh! It was a disaster with no ready solution, except to go quickly and buy a new one for two grand, which I had only done slightly more than a year ago.

I made the inventive decision to take the new larger fridge and install it in the laundry room temporarily until I can purchase or get a larger space made for the used refrigerator. That plan includes the task of making the old refrigerator space three inches wider. I think this is a possibility, since there’s wall space that could be made larger with a carpenter’s skilled hands. Of course, what I think and what would actually work are sometimes two different things. I only wish it was back when we had six kids that kept our old refrigerator running 24/7! It’s all done with mirrors.

I sent Christine and Mark home with a pork roast with chicken thighs, potatoes, carrots, celery, asparagus and wine and barbecue sauce and a ton of butter in a dinner that I made to keep the roast from going bad. That was gratifying, at least. Now that I have a refrigerator off of the kitchen, all is well at the old house!

PS: My friend Lynn has had her refrigerator in a room off the kitchen forever, so it’s got to be chic to have it that way! She is possibly the most inventive and creative designer I know. That knowledge, and a working refrigerator makes my day - so glad I thought of it.

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MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2024

AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

Even if you have the vision and understanding of how things function together, it doesn't mean things always flow harmoniously into a unified production. You may need to do some recalibrating or reverse engineering to get the parts working together properly. Tap into your Mcgyver field.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Friends may promise a lot but fail to deliver or you may not be able to live up to a standard you have held for yourself in dealing with friends. Rather than completely ghosting the situation be more forthright and authentic about where you are at and what you are comfortable with.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

You might have all the credentials and paperwork in order but that doesn't mean you know who the right person to talk to is. Don't let your preconceived notions about who is in charge offend who is really in charge when you. Check credentials before you make assumptions.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

There is a very unpredictable vibe moving in this week, that may bring some changes to the work load required at you place of employment or it may change the level of responsibilities you carry within the family. Get ahead of the game by getting some additional training or buy a book.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

You have a clear understanding of who has what and how to integrate those resources into a more sustainable situation for all parties but in order to really see the fruition of those efforts, you may need to draw up some formal contracts. Written agreements will help people keep their promises.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

Partnerships and collaborations can have their downfalls when people don't take the time to honor each other's contributions or unique perspectives. This is the time to detach from having to have things one way over the other. Analyze all angles and solutions, no matter what style of math is used.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Be aware that there is a very frustrating vibe to the week ahead. The answer is analyzing situations and then compartmentalizing them so, you don't get the anxiety bleeding over from your work life into your homelife and in turn keeping family and friends from interrupting your work day.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Things at the workplace or with people you deal with on a daily basis will become quite changeable and erratic this week. Be aware that you may face some form of disillusionment, but don't get discouraged. Know that true validation comes from within by not letting yourself down.

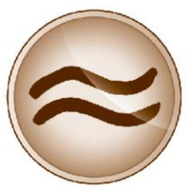
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Even if you support and nurture people when they are down, don't expect them to be able to reciprocate in the same way. That doesn't mean they don't want to it means; they actually may not have the resources to do what you do. Try to be patient and meet people in the middle.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Heart to heart talks may feel burdensome and somewhat pointless but that doesn't mean the that things should remain hidden or that you should hold back on telling someone how hurt you are. Resolutions and moving forward require those tough talks even if they get heated.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



There will be a sense of being out of sync with others this week and even if there is no real connection made know that the effort you put forth won't go unnoticed. You may have a sense of being unappreciated but the real measure of contentment comes knowing you did the best when you had the chance.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Be aware that the stage is set for some form of embarrassment, disappointment and annoyance but don't let your need for validation or sense of justification tear you down to another's level. Know when to stay silent and walk away. A calm serene disposition is the ticket; referee your emotions,

The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection.
— Michelangelo

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1 Southeast by south (abbr.)
5 Brawl
9 Army service number (abbr.)
12 Played Hawkeye
13 Information (abbr.)
14 Portuguese coin
15 Nothing (Fr.)
16 Definitions (abbr.)
17 Automatic gain control (abbr.)
18 Afr. bowstring hemp
20 Antelope
22 Furniture wheel
25 Small Island (Brit.)
26 Frank _____ Wright, architect
27 Sympathy
31 Above (contr.)
32 Police (abbr.)
33 Be sorry
34 Enthusiasm
37 Non-PC computer brand
39 Dept. of Motor Vehicles (abbr.)
40 Slender
41 Polite address
44 Noun-forming (suf.)
45 Full of (suf.)
46 Hindustani language
48 This (Lat.)
52 Air traffic control (abbr.)
53 No (Ger.)
54 Woody's son
55 "Blue Eagle"
56 Compile
57 Attention getting sound

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2 Hebrew judge
3 Brigade (abbr.)
4 Good mental health
5 Addition to a bill
6 Feminine (suf.)
7 Freeway exit lane
8 Send (2 words)
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10 Edible bulb
11 Dent
19 Nourished
21 Estimated time of arrival (abbr.)
22 Hoofbeat
23 Title of Athena
24 Divination by lots (Lat.)
27 Age
28 School course (abbr.)
29 Gigantic
30 Vintage
32 Sheltered
35 Seventh Day Adventists (abbr.)
36 Not susceptible
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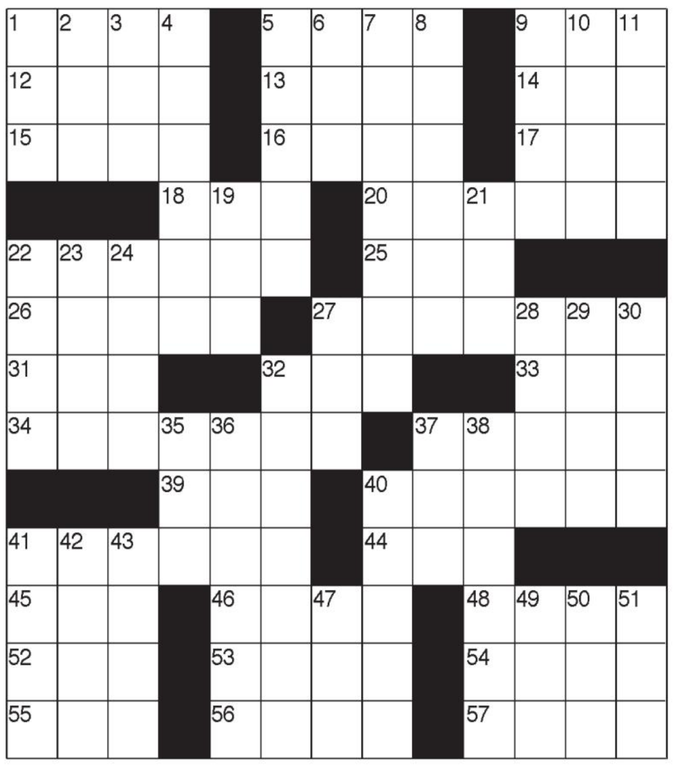
50 Loop trains
51 Folding bed



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP TAKING PLACE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It's time to start planning for the 2024-25 school year at New Buffalo Area Schools

New Buffalo Area Schools is looking for students for the Bison Beginners Pre-Kindergarten program and kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is helpful for the district to know how many students there will be to begin planning for the 2024-2025 school year. If you believe your child will qualify for either the Bison Beginners pre-kindergarten program or for kindergarten, please contact the office at 269-469-6060 to ensure your student is on the enrollment list. You can also email the office staff at jwendel@nbas.org or rbowen@nbas.org. Please contact the office by Monday, April 8. You will need to include information such as your child's name, birth date, parent/guardian name, address, phone number and email address. The necessary paperwork/processes for completion will also be provided.

Parents/guardians that have children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2024, and are residents of the New Buffalo Area School District are welcome to register their child for the Bison Beginners Pre-Kindergarten program. The program offers both half-day (a.m.) or full-day sessions. At this time, information is only being taken on students that currently reside within the school district. Enrollment is limited to 25 students for the Bison Beginners program.

Parents/guardians with students that will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2024, and are residents of the New Buffalo Area School District are welcome to register their child for the full-day kindergarten program. At this time, information is only being taken on students that currently reside within the school district.

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students attending New Buffalo Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year will be able to have their mandatory hearing, vision and dental screening by the Berrien County Health Department from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, May 20, at New Buffalo Elementary.

If you need a hearing/vision/dental screening for your child who will be attending New Buffalo Elementary and you are not available May 20, please contact the Berrien County Health Department at 269-926-7121 extension 5293 to schedule an appointment or visit their website (www.berriencounty.org/634/Hearing-Vision-Screening).

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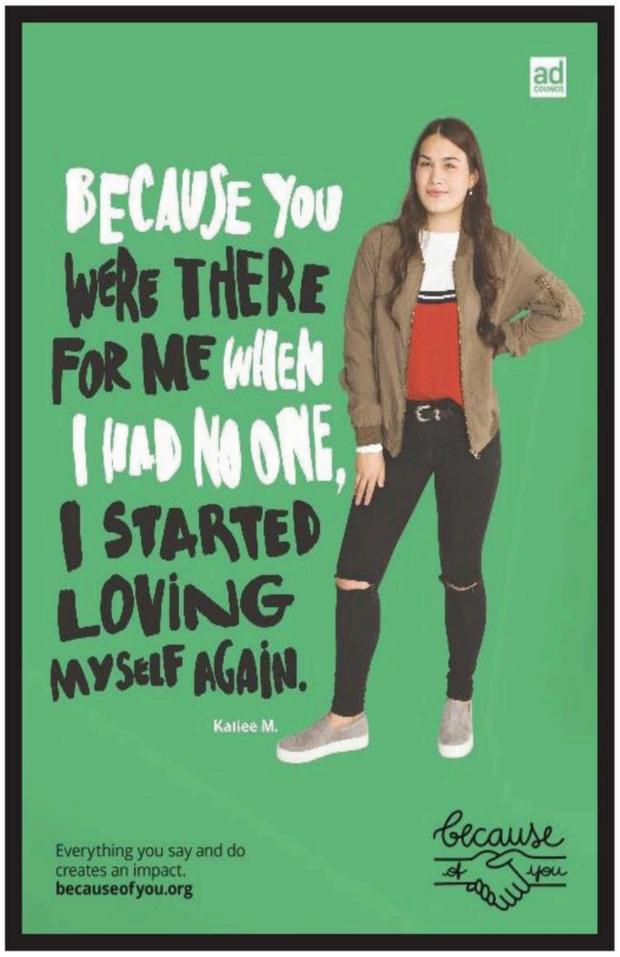
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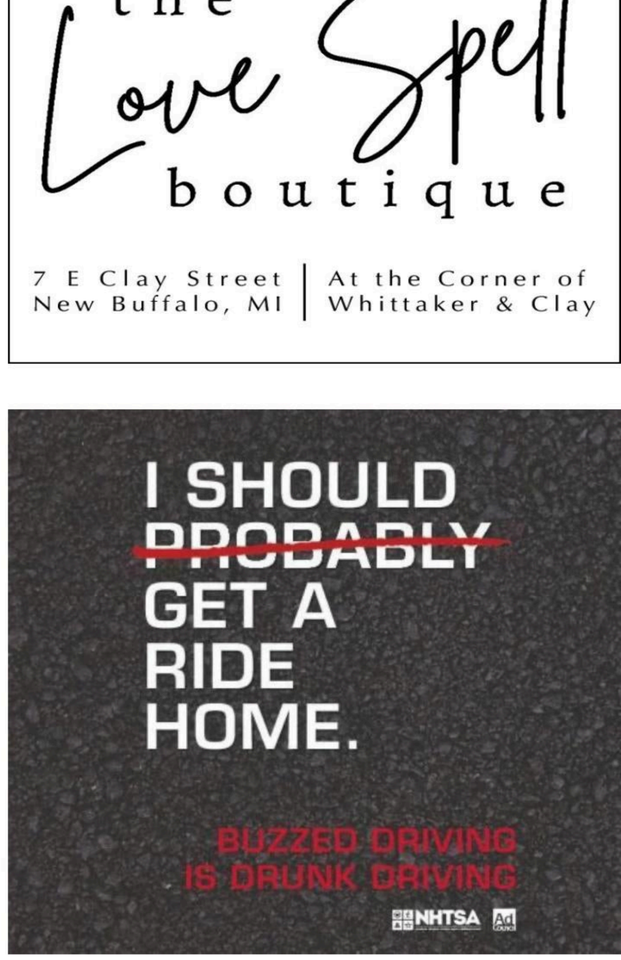

New Buffalo Elementary School hosts a royal storytime

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

As was tradition, students at New Buffalo Elementary School had a visit from area royalty when members of the 2024 New Buffalo Royal Court read to the students to close out March is Reading Month Friday, March 22.

The princes and princesses and king and queen visited the classrooms of the upper and lower grades, reading from a variety of books as well as taking some pictures with their young fans.

New Buffalo Royalty are welcomed by students

Miss New Buffalo Audrey Proctor reads with Little Mr. New Buffalo Thomas Cherrett

The royalty pays a visit to New Buffalo Elementary School

Mr. New Buffalo Cameron Forker reads to the students with Miss Junior Teen Royalty Emily Beck

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For Berrien County residents only, business waste is not allowed.

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April 9, Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Lake Michigan College, 2755 E. Napier Ave.,
Benton Harbor, enter at Yore Avenue

ACCEPTED ITEMS AT THIS EVENT:

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EVENT HOURS!

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics (some fees apply)
- Foam/Polystyrene
- Personal Documents for Free, On-site Shredding
- Used Bicycles

May 11, Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycle Center,
3200 Chamberlain Rd., Buchanan

ACCEPTED ITEMS AT THIS EVENT:

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics (some fees apply)
- Foam/Polystyrene
- Personal Documents for Free, On-site Shredding

June 5, Wednesday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Chikaming Township Hall
13535 Red Arrow Hwy., Harbet

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- Household Chemicals
- Electronics (some fees apply)

Sept. 14, Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Silver Beach County Park, 101 Broad St., St. Joseph

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October 5, Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycle Center,
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Household Chemicals

Home/garden/yard/garage chemicals and cleaners, auto chemicals, used motor oil & filters, oil-based paint, batteries, pills/medications, needles/sharps, mercury items, fluorescent light bulbs & tubes, small 1-lb propane cylinders, & more.

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(fees apply on some items)

Unwanted household electronic equipment that has a cord or is battery operated such as computer monitors (**$10/monitor fee**), printers, phones, televisions (**$20/TV fee**), DVD/VCR players, small & large appliances, Freon containing items (**$10/item fee)**, printer/ink cartridges, etc.

Recycled by Green Earth Electronics Recycling, 4200 Niles Rd, St. Joseph, (269) 326-1232, website: greenearth1.com.

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Foam/Polystyrene

Ice chests, foam cups, clean foam "to-go" food containers, egg cartons, foam block packaging, pink & blue Styrofoam. Must be clean and dry.

***NOT ACCEPTED**: packing peanuts, soft foam*

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